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BJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - KOREA

TO: EA - MR. HOLBROOKE

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1. MAJOR NUCLEAR CONTRACT TO WESTINGHOUSE (UNCL).

ON FEBRUARY 6, WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC, BACKED BY
AN ATTRACTIVE EXIM FINANCING PACKAGE, SUCCESSFULLY WON THE
BID FOR THE KORI III AND KORI IV NUCLEAR POWER UNITS IN
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KOREA. THE WESTINGHOUSE SUCCESS AGAINST CLOSE FRENCH
COMPETITION REPRESENTS POTENTIAL U.S. EXPORTS OF NEARLY
\$700 MILLION. CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY.
BIDS WILL ALSO BE AWARDED SOON FOR THE GENERATORS AND
PUMPS FOR THE TWO 900-MEGAWATT PLANTS. THIS EQUIPMENT
IS WORTH ANOTHER \$100 MILLION IN EXPORTS. BRITISH AND

SWISS SUPPLIERS APPEAR TO HAVE THE BEST CHANCE FOR THIS SECOND BID, HOWEVER, AS THE AMERICAN COMPETITORS, WESTINGHOUSE AND GENERAL ELECTRIC ARE IN AN INFERIOR POSITION ON PRICING AND FINANCING.

2. IDA REPORT ON KOREA (LOU).

THE INSTITUTE FOR DEFENSE ANALYSIS IS IN THE PROCESS OF PRODUCING A LENGTHY REPORT ON THE POLICY ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE TO US IN KOREA, AND PAUL CLEVELAND TOGETHER WITH PAUL FLINT OF DOD/ISA TOOK PART IN A CRITIQUE OF THE SECOND DRAFT FEBRUARY 9. ALTHOUGH ITS ANALYSIS AND JUDGMENTS ARE GENERALLY SOUND AND ITS CONCLUSIONS ACCORD CLOSELY WITH THE ADMINISTRATION'S APPROACH TO KOREA, THE REPORT BREAKS NO NEW GROUND AND ITS LABORED, REDUNDANT STYLE WILL PUT MOST READERS TO SLEEP. WITHOUT EXTENSIVE REVISION IT DOES NOT PROMISE TO ADD SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE DISCUSSION OF KOREAN POLICY.

3. NORTH KOREAN ENVOY TO YUGOSLAVIA (CONF).

PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY KIM YONG-NAM FLEW TO BELGRADE FEBRUARY 7, CARRYING A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO TITO FROM KIM IL-SONG. WE BELIEVE THAT THE NORTH KOREANS ARE ASKING THE YUGOSLAVS TO SUPPORT THEIR

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ANTI-U.S. STATEMENTS) AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE STATES SCHEDULED TO MEET IN APRIL. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INITIATIVE CONNECTED WITH TITO'S EARLY MARCH VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES AND ARE PREPARING APPROPRIATE BRIEFING PAPERS FOR SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS IN CONNECTION WITH THE TITO VISIT.

4. PYONGYANG UNDERPLAYS KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY 30TH ANNIVERSARY (LOU).

IN AN UNUSUAL MOVE, THE NORTH KOREANS HAVE MARKED THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY WITH A SINGLE, AND COMPARATIVELY LUKEWARM EDITORIAL IN THE PARTY PAPER. THIS CONTRASTS WITH LAST YEAR'S VISITS BY KIM IL-SONG TO UNITS IN THE FIELD, A LARGE RALLY AND A

SPEECH BY A GENERAL, AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS IN THE CAPITAL. WASHINGTON ANALYSTS ARE LOOKING AT A DETAILED HISTORY OF THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR CLUES TO POSSIBLE FACTIONAL DISPUTES OR PERHAPS A MOVE BY KIM TO

DOWNGRADE THE CLAIMS OF THE CURRENT MILITARY LEADERSHIP
TO A ROLE IN THE COUNTRY'S REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY. CHRISTOPHER

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